CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 17, 2007

INVOCATION:
Father Riz Carranza of St. Mary of the Asuncion Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Director of Utilities Sweet, City Librarian Pinneli, Planning Division Manager Smith, Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mayor Lavagnino announced that in response to questions raised at the last meeting regarding the content of the minutes of the City Council meetings, he had obtained copies of minutes from the City of Santa Barbara, the City of San Luis Obispo, and the City of Lompoc. The minutes of the Santa Maria City Council were similar to, if not more detailed than, those cities. Therefore, there would be no change in the current format of the City Council minutes.

Mayor Lavagnino also announced that pursuant to the instructions on the agenda, Consent Agenda items could be addressed by the public under Public Comment Period. No additional public input would be permitted under the Consent Agenda section of the agenda.

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH
Councilmember Patino presented a gift to Randy and Joni Jokela, the Recreation and Parks Volunteers of the Month for July, for their exemplary commitment as volunteers for the Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympics for over 20 years.

PROCLAMATION – RELAY FOR LIFE WEEKEND
Mayor Lavagnino read a proclamation declaring July 21 and 22, 2007, as "Relay for Life Weekend" in the City of Santa Maria, and inviting all residents to attend opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's High School and to participate in the Relay for Life walk. The proclamation was accepted by Debbie Jeffers, Event Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Vibiana Saavedra, Santa Maria Community Coalition, spoke in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 3D – Property Tax Exchange Agreement for the Quail Run Annexation, as the Orcutt Plaza Shopping Center would be in direct competition with the plan to revitalize the downtown business core.

Daniel Cadena, District Chair for the Live Oak District of the Boy Scouts of America, invited the City Council to attend the First Annual Soccer Clinic and Exhibition Game on July 22nd at Allan Hancock College (clinic) and the Santa Maria High School Stadium (exhibition game).

Dave Cross spoke in favor of Consent Agenda Item 3D, representing the Adam Family. He explained the process the applicants have gone through to obtain input from the affected property owners for the Quail Run Annexation.

Wayne Huckelberry spoke in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 3D and explained how the Orcutt Plaza Shopping Center would affect his property.

Deborah Brasket, Santa Maria Community Coalition, spoke in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 3D and the seemingly piece-meal annexations being done in the City. She requested the opportunity to speak to someone from the Community Development Department on the City's long-range goals.

Edwin Skinner also spoke in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 3D and indicated he did not believe the annexation would be approved by the property owners when it went to a vote.

Mayor Lavagnino explained that Consent Agenda Item 3D, the Property Tax Exchange Agreement, was only a ministerial action as part of the annexation process. He explained the process that would be followed by LAFCO before the annexation was completed beginning with a public hearing on September 6th.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Patino requested Item 3C be pulled for comment.

Councilmember Zacarías indicated she would be abstaining from Items 3B, the Minutes of the July 3rd meeting, and 3O, Ordinance No. 2007-14, as she was absent from the last meeting. She also requested Item 3J be pulled for a separate vote.

Councilmember Orach indicated he would be abstaining from Item 3F – Release of a Bond for La Ventana, Tract 5886 - due to a possible conflict of interest as he now lived in that subdivision.

Councilmember Zacarías asked to be kept appraised of any meetings or hearings regarding the Quail Run Annexation.

Item 3C – Military Leave of Absence Policy
Councilmember Patino stated she wanted everyone to know that the City had continually granted military leave pay for City employees in the military who were serving overseas.

Item 3J – Daytime Juvenile Anti-Loitering Ordinance
City Council conducted the second reading by title only and adopted Ordinance No. 2007-13, an ordinance re-enacting the Daytime Juvenile Anti-Loitering Ordinance (Chapter 6-3A of Title 6 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code) on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Zacarías
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2007-13 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA RELATING TO DAYTIME LOITERING OF JUVENILES, RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 6-3A OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Consent Calendar Items A through O except Item J were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Orach (Item F only), Councilmember Zacarías (Items B and O only)

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 3, 2007, were approved as submitted.

C. MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY
Resolution No. 2007-96 was adopted amending City Administrative Memo (CAM) 98-05 "Military Leave of Absence Policy," thereby providing for an additional 180 days of salary continuation and health benefits for those employees called to active military duty.

Resolution No. 2007-96 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY.

D. PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2007-97 was adopted approving a property tax exchange agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara pertaining to Annexation No. AN-105, Quail Run Reorganization.

Resolution No. 2007-97 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING FOR A NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES PERTAINING TO THE QUAIL RUN REORGANIZATION (CITY ANNEXATION NO. AN-105 / LAFCO PROPOSAL 07-011): AN ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, DETACHMENT FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND COASTAL VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT.

E. PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2007-98 was adopted approving a property tax exchange agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara pertaining to Annexation No. AN-106, Wastewater Treatment Plant Reorganization.

Resolution No. 2007-98 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING FOR A NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES PERTAINING TO THE SANTA MARIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REORGANIZATION (CITY ANNEXATION NO. AN-106 / LAFCO PROPOSAL 07-008): AN ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, DETACHMENT FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND COASTAL VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT.

F. RELEASE OF BOND
City Council accepted as complete certain public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance bond posted in connection with La Ventana, Tract 5886, in the amount of $544,873.45 for the construction and installation of boundary walls with an order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be retained until January 2008.

G. RELEASE OF BOND
City Council accepted as complete certain public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance bond posted in connection with Foxenwood Townhomes, Tract 5763, in the amount of $140,530 for the construction and installation

of boundary walls with an order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be retained until January 2008.

H. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 135554 to 135787 in the amount of $1,502,023.44 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 135423 was canceled.

I. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

J. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13
Pulled from Consent Agenda for separate action as indicated above.

K. CALL FOR BIDS
City Council gave approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Alvin Avenue and Railroad Avenue Traffic Signal, Bid No. 2008/03.

L. NOTICE OF COMPLETION
City Council approved the Notice of Contract Completion for North Blosser Road Widening from West Main Street to Taylor Street, Bid No. 2006/03 and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record the Notice.

M. NO PARKING ZONES
Resolution No. 2007-99 was adopted approving the establishment of no parking zones on Southside Parkway between Centerpoint Parkway and South College Drive from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., seven days a week.

Resolution No. 2007-99 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NO PARKING ZONES ON SOUTHSIDE PARKWAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

N. ANGLE-PARKING
Resolution No. 2007-100 was adopted establishing angle-parking on North McClelland Street between Fesler Street and Mill Street.

Resolution No. 2007-100 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ANGLE-PARKING ON NORTH MCCLELLAND STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.24 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

O. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-14
City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2007-14 authorizing a five percent increase in water and sewer rates.

Ordinance No. 2007-14 to be adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO INCREASING WATER AND SEWER RATES BY FIVE PERCENT.

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FOUR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS.
Director of Recreation and Parks Posada gave the staff report. The City has four Landscape Maintenance Districts and 17 Special Benefit Zones which were formed pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code and the 1972 Landscape and Lighting Act. As new development occurs within each of the Districts, developers/owners agree to be annexed into a Landscape Maintenance District. In 2007-2008, it is projected that there will be 7,497 dwelling units and 346 commercial

properties within the four Districts. This is an overall increase of 232 residential dwelling units and 29 commercial units. Since 2004, all residential and commercial assessments are assessed the same amount within their respective District. Current assessments will be increased by 3.3 percent based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The amounts of the increases in each residential District as shown in the Engineer's Report were approved on May 15, 2007.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Marian Hollywood spoke regarding the poor condition of the landscaping at Westgate Ranch in the Southwest Landscape Maintenance District.

Manuel Flores spoke regarding the deteriorated condition of the landscaping at Westgate Ranch and the park, graffiti removal, and the lighting of the walkways.

Louis Caric also spoke regarding the landscaping at Westgate Ranch, the lighting, and the color of paint used to eradicate graffiti.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Director of Recreation and Parks Posada explained that the lighting had been a problem as it was not installed properly by the contractor. New lighting had been purchased which would be installed by the end of summer or early fall. He also talked about the timing of the lighting and indicated that the new lighting should be more efficient and less costly.

Mayor Lavagnino asked Director Posada to meet with representatives from Westgate Ranch regarding their concerns.

Resolution No. 2007-101 ordering the assessments for the South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-6, Resolution No. 2007-102 ordering the assessments for the Northwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-9, Resolution No. 2007-103 ordering the assessments for the Northeast Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-10, and Resolution No. 2007-104 ordering the assessments for the Southwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-11 were adopted on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarias, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2007-101 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SOUTH MILLER STREET/SOUTH COLLEGE DRIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. DS-6.

Resolution No. 2007-102 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. DS-9.

Resolution No. 2007-103 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NORTHEAST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. DS-10.

Resolution No. 2007-104 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SOUTHWEST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. DS-11.

ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead gave the staff report. On April 17, 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2007-55 ordering the Streets and Facilities Manager to abate the nuisances as described in Resolution No. 2007-36. The nuisances were to be abated by the removal of weeds, rubbish, and dirt by appropriate means. On March 21, 2007, Streets and Facilities staff mailed an abatement letter to owners of 160 properties. The letter advised the property owners that their property was in need of abatement and gave them the opportunity to accomplish the abatement on their own. Property owners abated 137 lots. Additionally, one lot was in the process of being developed. The City's contractor abated weeds and debris on the balance of the 22 lots. The cost for the abatement of these 22 lots will be assessed as part of the property tax bills.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing. Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2007-105 was adopted approving the assessments for the 2007 Annual Weed Abatement Program on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 105 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING REPORT OF WEED ABATEMENT COSTS FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES BY THE STREETS AND FACILITIES MANAGER.

REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM INCOME AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. In April the City Council conducted a public hearing and approved the allocations under the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs for 2007-08. At that time, Councilmember Trujillo requested staff research the use of CDBG program income funding for public service programs. Also in June during the Mid-Cycle Budget review, the Council directed staff to schedule an item concerning the transfer of CDBG funds from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund to the Library Construction Project. The City is eligible to allocate up to 15 percent of its total program income received during the prior year to fund public service programs in the next year. During this last fiscal year, the City received $59,096 in CDBG program income. Of this amount, $8,864 or 15 percent could be allocated to public service programs that were not previously awarded a CDBG allocation for 2007-08. The second issue involves the reprogramming of $425,044 in unused Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDRLF) to the Library Construction Project to help bridge the financial gap of the anticipated project budget. Since its inception, the EDRLF has approved a total of 12 loans; seven of which have been repaid, three were never executed, and two have a combined outstanding loan balance of slightly more than $55,000. Over the last six years there have been no requests for EDRLF financing and no new loan agreements. The EDRLF has a balance of $425,044. This money is in addition to the $1 million Business Retention and Attraction Revolving Loan Fund that Council created in January 2005 for use by the Chamber of Commerce to attract new industry to the City and retain existing businesses. With only one loan approved to date, the Revolving Loan Fund has a balance of $925,000. The project deficit for the new Library is approximately $3.3 million. In an attempt to help reduce this budget shortfall, staff recommends that all unused funds in the EDRLF be reprogrammed to the Library Construction project.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing. Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Trujillo stated that he was the one that requested staff to research what the Program Income could be used for. In the last six years, the Council had been allocating CDBG funds to the organizations serving the homeless and women's shelters. He wanted to see some of these funds used for the youth of the community.

Councilmember Trujillo moved to allocate $4,864 to the Boy Scouts and $4,000 to the Campfire Girls from the $8,864 in 2006/07 Program Income and to reprogram the $425,044 in EDRLF monies to the Library. Mayor Lavagnino seconded the motion.

Councilmember Patino requested the two issues be taken separately.

Councilmember Trujillo withdrew his previous motion and moved to reprogram the $425,044 in unused EDRLF monies to the Library Construction Project fund. Councilmember Patino seconded the motion. The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilmember Trujillo moved to allocate $4,864 to the Boy Scouts and $4,000 to the Campfire Girls from the $8,864 in 2006/07 Program Income. Mayor Lavagnino seconded the motion.

Councilmember Orach stated he agreed with the concept; however, there were quite a few organizations related to youth besides the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls who had applied for funding. Splitting the money up would place added work on staff and the organizations.

Councilmember Zacarías stated in the past she was the recipient of probably the smallest amount of CDBG money for Future Leaders of America. It was greatly appreciated; however, they spent more than the allocation in labor to manage the contract and do the reports. She suggested that the Council use the money to augment one or two programs that were already funded so it would just be a minor contract amendment.

Councilmember Patino stated she agreed the Council needed to do more for youth organizations. She asked what would happen to the money if the Council did not reallocate it.

Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson explained that the money would remain in the program account that it was generated from such as the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Councilmember Patino stated the Block Grants Advisory Committee had spent a lot of time on their recommendations to the Council, and she didn't want to go against that. However, she also did not want to see those two organizations not get the money. She agreed to support the motion.

Councilmember Zacarías requested that the Boys and Girls Club also be included in the allocation and the funds be split three ways.

Councilmember Trujillo amended his motion to reallocate the CDBG Program Income monies in the amount of $8,864 evenly between the Boy Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, and Campfire Girls. Councilmember Patino seconded the motion. The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Ness requested the Council amend and adopt Resolution No. 2007-106 to allocate the CDBG Program Income monies as follows:

Boy Scouts	$2,855
Boys and Girls Club	$2,854
Campfire Girls	$2,855

and reprogram the unused EDRLF monies in the amount of $425,044 to the Library Construction Project Fund.

Resolution No. 2007-106 was adopted approving the allocation of CDBG Program Income in the amount of $8,864 as follows: $2,855 to the Boy Scouts, $2,854 to the Boys and Girls Club, and $2,855 to the Campfire Girls, and approving the reprogramming of $425,044 in Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund monies to the Library Construction Project on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zacarías, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2007-106 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF $8,864 IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM INCOME TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE REPROGRAMMING OF $425,044 IN UNUSED CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM MONIES TO THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez gave the staff report. Five terms of office on the Block Grants Advisory Committee and two terms of office on the Library Board of Trustees are due to expire on July 31, 2007. The upcoming vacancies were advertised. Four of the five incumbents have reapplied for the Block Grants Advisory Committee. Three additional applications were received for a total of seven applicants for the five vacant seats on the Committee. Each Councilmember has the opportunity to nominate one member. Both incumbents reapplied for the Library Board of Trustees. Three additional applications were received as well. Library Board members are appointed by the Mayor.

Block Grants Advisory Committee

Councilmember Patino nominated incumbent David Frances.
Councilmember Orach nominated incumbent Donna Wolcott.
Councilmember Trujillo nominated incumbent Rosalie Marquez.
Mayor Lavagnino nominated incumbent Jose Ponce.
Councilmember Zacarías nominated Sandra Bierdzinski.

On motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried unanimously, the nominations were approved for appointment.

Library Board of Trustees

On motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried unanimously, incumbents Avery Gallas and Barbara Witterick were reappointed to another term.

Council thanked all the applicants for their interest in serving the City and congratulated the appointees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ness reported on items for the August 7, 2007, City Council meeting including public hearings for an amendment to the Growth Mitigation Ordinance and a

development agreement with Inland Pacific Builders for Battles Road, as well as an ordinance related to 72-hour parking, the fourth quarter financial report, and the City's responses to two Grand Jury Reports.

City Manager Ness announced that the official Grand Opening of the new Veteran's Clinic would be held on August 7th at 11:00 a.m. Council would be receiving invitations to that event.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Orach invited everyone to participate in the Relay for Life walk this weekend, make a donation, or come out and support the walkers.

Councilmember Zacarías stated she was able to fulfill a life-long dream to travel to France. She reported on a visit to a local business that had been working with Code Compliance to bring their business up to Santa Maria standards. She commended the Code Compliance Division for their openness. She would also be joining them on a "Walk and Talk" in the neighborhoods of West Morrison and Railroad Street to talk about the opportunities to improve their neighborhoods. She reported that she was the Chair of a conference for young women to be held the end of September with Allan Hancock College called the Young Educated Latino Leaders Conference which would be open to all young women in high school and college to inspire them to seek continuing education.

Mayor Lavagnino stated he and Supervisor Centeno cosponsored an afternoon at the Addamo Wine Tasting Room for the Relay for Life. They raised almost $9,000.

Councilmember Patino stated she attended the opening day of the Santa Barbara County Fair on July 11th. On July 10th, she attended the Drug Court Graduation at the Elks Club with Judge Flores. She stated October 15th would be the beginning of Peace Week and asked people who might be interested in being on the Peace Week Committee to contact her.

Councilmember Trujillo stated he also attended the Drug Court Graduation.

CLOSED SESSION

Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code; Agency representative: Assistant City Manager; Employee organization: Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claims pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.95 of the Government Code regarding Norma Hess, City Claim No. 06-56.

After the Closed Session, the following was announced:

Conference with Labor Negotiator: SMPOA – Direction to staff was provided.

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Norma Hess – Direction to staff was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Lavagnino declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED
August 7, 2007
Date

Patricia Aubrey
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST
Patricia Aubrey
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria